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SUBJ-CT; UNSSOD PREPCOM IV: NEUTRON BOMB ISSUE

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. USREP CAUTIONED SOVIET REP ABOUT RAISING NEUTRON BOMB ISSUE IN SSOD CONTEXT. SOV REP DENIED ANY SOVIET INTENTION TO ENGAGE IN CONFRONTATION DURING SSOD, STRESSED THAT SOVIETS WISHED TO COOPERATE WITH US DURING SSOD AND SAID SOVIET DEL WAS MERELY PRESENTING FOR COMPILEMENT ITS DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS PREVIOUSLY ADVANCED. END SUMMARY

2. DURING MEETINGS IN PAST FEW DAYS OF SUBDRAFTING GROUP ON PROGRAM OF ACTION, USSR REP (STACHEVSKY), WHILE NOT MAKING ANY STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT, HAS KEPT REFERENCE TO PROPOSED BAN ON NEUTRON BOMB IN THEIR SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR PROGRAM. FOLLOWING FEB 23 AM

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DRAFTING GROUP SESSION USREP (WEILER) MET WITH STACHEVSKY AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF RFTEL.

3. STACHEVSKY, WHO TOOK NOTES ON USREP'S REMARKS, SAID THAT REFERENCE TO NEUTRON BOMB WAS CONTAINED IN EASTERN PROGRAM OF ACTION AND IN OPENING STATEMENT OF SOV REP AT PREPCOM IV AND IT WAS ONLY

NATURAL THAT USSR DEL SHOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE IN PROGRAM DRAFT, WHICH WAS A COMPILATION OF PROPOSALS OF VARIOUS STATES.

HE SAID SOVIETS HELD WELL KNOWN AND STRONG VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE. HE ADDED THAT HE NEVERTHELESS WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT SOVIETS ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE A STRUCTIVE SSOD, WANTED TO WORK IN COOPERATION WITH US DURING SSOD AND DID NOT INTEND TO TURN SSOD INTO PROPAGANDA EXERCISE OR ENGAGE IN COLD WAR RHETORIC.

4. STACHEVSKY SAID USDEL HAD AN ADVANTAGE IN NOT HAVING TABLED A PROGRAM PAPER BUT HAVING ITS INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY WESTERN TEXT. USSR ON OTHER HAND HAD TO PRESENT ALL OF ITS POSITION WHEN IT TABLED PAPER BUT THIS DID NOT IMPLY ANY INTENTION TO ENGAGE IN CONFRONTATION WITH US. HE SAID WHAT THEY WANTED WAS CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS. HE THEN COMMENTED THAT IN THE RECENT US STATEMENT ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES REPORTING US HAD SOUGHT TO PUT SOVIETS IN A BAD LIGHT AND PUT THEM ON THE DEFENSIVE WITH NON-ALIGNED WHEN US KNEW SOVIETS WOULD NOT SUPPORT MILITARY EXPENDITURES REPORTING EXERCISE. (WEILER SAID US PURPOSE WAS TO ADVANCE A WORTHWHILE EFFORT AND NOT TO PUT SOVIETS IN A BAD LIGHT.)

5. IN FURTHER COMMENT, STACHEVSKY SAID SOV DEL HAD ITS INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPCOM IV BUT UNDERSTOOD, AS DID USDEL BUT NOT NECESSARILY NON-ALIGNED, THAT PROGRAM OF ACTION WOULD HAVE TO BE A CONSENSUS DOCUMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT WHEN STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON PROGRAM WAS REACHED IT WOULD BE TIME TO SEE WHAT ADJUSTMENTS SOVIETS SHOULD MAKE IN THEIR TEXTS.

6. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION USREP REITERATED NEED FOR SOVIET RESTRAINT ON THIS ISSUE. SOV REP REPEATED HIS DESIRE TO EMPHASIS SOVIET WISH TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH US DURING SSOD AND AVOID ANY CONFRONTATION.

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